

MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 1923.

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, January 3, 1923.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1922, were read and approved.

The Board approved the lease made by the Advisory Board of Parole for two offices in the Morris Building for a period of one year, at the sum of \$105.00 monthly. The Secretary was directed to pay the rent out of the appropriation made to the Board of Public Works for such purpose, and to advise Commissioner Parrish of the action of the Board.

The Governor submitted the following letters from John N. Meckall, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, in reference to insuring the Susquehanna Bridge:

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

Baltimore, December 15, 1922.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

In accordance with instructions from you, the Board of Public Works and the Bridge Commission yesterday, I have gone over the question of insurance rather carefully with Parr and Parr, and believe that the bridge should be insured against fire for the inflammable part of the bridge, and against inherent and external hazards due to riot, insurrection, civil commotion, strike and explosion, and for loss of revenue from these two causes. I believe that the hazard from tornado, or wind-storms is negligible, and since the premium for this is considerable, I believe it should be omitted. The chance of a tornado or wind-storm of sufficient intensity to destroy this steel structure is too remote to pay a large sum for it, and especially in view of the fact that it is adjacent to and protected by a much larger and heavier structure of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

We can get fire insurance in the amount of \$100,000, with no co-insurance on our part, in which case the company would be liable for and would pay for all the damage done by fire up to \$100,000. If the entire floor was burned off the bridge, with the resultant damage to steel parts adjacent to it, the loss would be about \$100,000. The premium for this would be \$1,000 for one year, \$2,500 for three years and \$4,000 for five years. In case of such a fire, the company would pay the amount of toll which we collected for the period during the preceding year corresponding with such time as the bridge is closed to traffic. The rate on the basis of \$120,000, estimated annual toll, is \$510 for one year, \$1,275 for three years and \$2,040 for five years.

For inherent and external hazards due to riot, insurrection, civil commotion, strike and explosion on the basis of one-half of the cost of the bridge, or \$292,500, with no co-insurance on our part, the rate would be \$292.50 for one year, \$731.25 for three years, and \$1,170 for five

years. Since it is hardly within the realm of possibility that more than one half of the bridge could be destroyed by any kind of commotion or explosion, it would seem unwise to carry insurance for more than this amount. In case of destruction from this cause, the company would pay the tolls, as in case of loss by fire during the time the bridge was being repaired and open to travel, on the basis of \$120,000 estimated tolls, at \$90 for one year, \$225.00 for three years, and \$360. for five years.

While the chance of either fire or explosion is remote, the premiums is comparatively small, and it would insure, as I believe should be insured, the collection on the part of the State of sufficient revenue to pay all fixed charges against the bridge, and insure the stability of the bonds, and I would recommend that insurance be placed for three years. It would be cheaper for five years, but since some re-financing will probably be necessary at the next legislature, it seems wise to take the insurance for a three-year period, and by the time this is up, the re-financing will have been done, at which time the insurance can be taken on a five-year basis at a considerable saving.

The total cost for insurance covering the physical damage and loss of revenue is \$4,731.25 for three years, or \$1,577.08 per year.

After a conference with Mr. Ral Parr and Mr. Michaels of the Parr and Parr Company, they agreed that this is the kind of insurance we should have.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) John N. Mackall,

JNM/HMR.

Chairman. "

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

Baltimore, December 18, 1922.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor:

If you will refer to my letter of December 15th to you, with reference to the insurance of the Havre de Grace bridge, with especial reference to my recommendation that the bridge be insured against fire and explosion, the Parr & Parr Company have advised me that they will make the compensations to be paid for loss of revenue corresponding to the previous year's business. I have gone over the receipts for the company of last year and find them to be as follows:

January	\$3000.00
February	3000.00
March	5000.00
April	10000.00
May	10000.00
June	10000.00
July	14000.00
August	17000.00
September	21000.00
October	13000.00
November	9000.00
December	5000.00
	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

If this insurance is placed, will you notify the company that the payments under the policy are to be distributed on this basis.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) J. N. Mackall,

JNM/HMR

Chairman.

After considering the above communications the Board directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Mackall that it approved of his suggestion that the bridge be insured against the risks mentioned by him in his letter of December 15th. The Secretary was directed to request Mr. Mackall to place the insurance for a period of three years through Messrs. Parr & Parr, and that the bridge be insured on behalf of the State of Maryland or the present owners of the bridge as their interests may appear.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from Dr. Woods in reference to his request to transfer the balance remaining on account of the \$15,000 for equipment of the Nurses' Home:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

College Park.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Ritchie:

In further reference to your letter of the 6th, relative to my request to transfer the small balance remaining on account of the \$15,000 item for equipment of the Nurses' Home in the Construction Loan Act of 1922, the building account referred to is not carried under the Construction Loan Act, being contributed for this purpose. However, the amount collected on the contributions up to date has not been sufficient to pay for the completion of the building. It is planned to take care of the balance of the \$15,000 needed for this purpose from any building balances available and the further collections which we are now endeavoring to make. Probably my request should have been to use such balance as may be available on the equipment fund for completion of the building, as I presume money cannot be transferred to an account which is not carried under the Construction Loan.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) A. F. Woods,

President.

The Board directed that permission for the transfer be approved.

The Secretary submitted vouchers requesting the following payments out of appropriations contained in Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1922:

Maryland State School for Deaf (Equipment)	- \$3,284.08
Spring Grove Asylum	20,000.00
Spring Grove State Hospital	467.50
Spring Grove State Hospital (H.P. Hopkins)	12.20
Maryland State School for Deaf	143.35

The action of the Secretary in issuing the checks of the Board of Public Works in payment of the above amount was approved.

The Board approved the payment of the following bills by the Secretary:

December 14th, 1922.
STENOGRAPHER.

To Miss Mary E. Harrington (Services, December) - \$50.00

December 14, 1922.

RENT, STATE OFFICES IN BALTIMORE CITY (January, 1923)

Board of Public Works	\$231.25
State Auditor	108.33
Bank Commissioner	158.68
Board of State Aid and Charities	105.82
Advisory Board of Parole	90.00
State Plumbing Board	50.00
Central Purchasing Bureau	257.08
State Board of Health	125.00

\$1,134.55

December 15, 1922.TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. (Telephone
service, November, 1922 - Plaza 4300) \$ 32.81

December 16, 1922.CONTINGENT FUND

To Charles M. Speicher, (Compiling Ins. statistics) 500.00

December 16, 1922.STATE OFFICE SUPPLIES AND STATIONERY.

To American Ice Company (Ice, November, 1922, of-
fices, Board of Public Works) 2.50

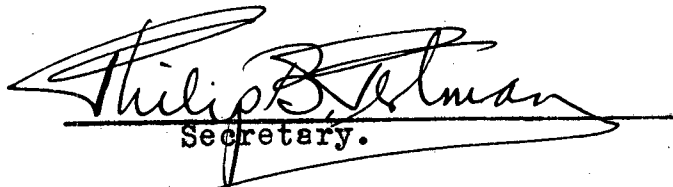
December 27, 1922.CONTINGENT FUND.

To The Central Savings Bank of Baltimore (Interest
on mtge. loan, Md. School for Boys) 225.00

December 29, 1922.RENT, STATE OFFICES IN BALTIMORE CITY.

To Parole Commissioner (Rent for January, 1923,
in advance) 105.00

There being no further business, the meeting
adjourned.


Secretary.